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DRY AGENTS AT WORK IN STATE CAPITAL TODAY

Federal, County And City Officials Co-operate In Sweeping Cleanup

SIXTY-FIVE PERSONS ALREADY ARRESTED

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—With 65 persons already under arrest on charges of violating the liquor laws, federal dry agents, county deputy sheriffs and Indianapolis police late today were continuing their sweeping cleanup here.

The 65 persons were arrested in 40 soft drink parlors, pool rooms and so called "speak easies" in Indianapolis and its environs.

A. R. Harris, director of the federal dry forces in Indiana, was acting under the government ultimatum that Indiana must be dried up at once.

Riding in automobiles, the enforcement officers, operating in nine squads, swept through Indianapolis and seized the persons for whom they held warrants. Little liquor was taken in the raids, as most of the evidence had been purchased by dry agents some time ago.

Proceedings to have legal padlocks placed on the doors of all places raided to keep them closed for more than a year were promised by George Winkler, federal drug chief, who questioned all persons arrested.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—One of the most sweeping round-up of liquor law violators in the history of Indianapolis was started today by a combined force of federal dry agents, Deputy sheriffs of Marion county and city police.

Eight squads of officials, under the personal supervision of A. R. Harris, deputy federal prohibition administrator for Indiana, left the federal building early in the morning for the raids.

Forty places were to be visited and sixty-five arrests were expected to be made during the day.

Included in the suspects slated for arrest were eight women. More than twenty poolrooms and soft drink parlors were included in the places to be raided.

Liquor purchases made by federal investigators during the past six weeks furnished the evidence on

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MUNCIE HAS COSTLY FIRE

Fifty Automobiles Burn In \$60,000 Fire; \$10,000 Damage At Yorktown

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 29.—(United Press)—Two men were injured, one seriously, in destructive fires at Muncie and Yorktown early this morning.

The Muncie Motor Sales company, distributors of Nash automobiles, was gutted by flames, believed to have started from defective wiring. The three-story building was completely gutted, only the walls being left standing. Fifty automobiles, many of which were privately owned, were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

The restaurant owned by Payton Burgess at Yorktown was destroyed, despite the combined efforts of the Yorktown and Muncie fire departments. Frank Keyes of Yorktown, a fireman was struck by falling debris and suffered two broken ribs and internal injuries. Daniel Cox, owner of the building in which the restaurant is located, suffered a badly wrenched shoulder while attempting to carry out the fixtures. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 to the buildings and fixtures.

Two Muncie firemen suffered frozen hands and feet while fighting the flames at the motor company's building.

Ice Floes In Ohio River Become Worse

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 29.—(United Press)—Ice floes became worse in the Ohio river here today. A big jam threatened to hold just north of the city yesterday, but broke under its own weight. One river steamer, the Baq Queen, which failed to reach refuge in Green River, is tied up in the local harbor below the wharf.

Both traction ferries and automobile ferries to western Kentucky are still out of commission. The Cairo, Ill., ferry is reported running today.

COMMISSIONERS AWARD CONTRACT

County Dads Close Up Year's Business With Session Here Today

The county commissioners, in session today, awarded the contracts for furnishing books, blanks and printing supplies, required by the county of

next year, to the Fort Wayne Printing company and the Auburn Printing company. The former received the contract for classes one and three, and the later, classes two and

four. William B. Burford of Indianapolis, was the other bidder. The bids were received on December 22 and carried over for action today. In

several cases, the prices were higher than a year ago.

The county commissioners will meet again on New Year's day, at the auditor's office, and complete their organization by electing a president of the board. They will then go to the County Infirmary and assist in taking the annual inventory. Ed Zwick, of Preble township, and Henry Dehner, of Union township, were appointed as appraisers by the board.

Bills were allowed by the commissioners this morning and the record for the year completed.

Says Finance Committee Overstepped Its Power In Slashing Salaries

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—Members of the state finance committee are without authority to cut the salaries of members of the state public service commission according to a ruling of Judge Harry Chamberlain on file in circuit court today.

Judge Chamberlain ruled the committee overstepped its power in attempting to cut the salaries which are set by law creating the public service commission.

The ruling of Judge Chamberlain did not go into the question of the constitutionality of the law creating the finance committee.

President Coolidge Sees Prosperity Ahead In 1926

Washington, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—President Coolidge feels that 1926 presages another year of prosperity.

General business conditions are favorable toward continuance of the high living standard maintained in this year, it was said on his behalf at the White House today.

Mrs. John D. Sherman Advocates Skirts About Eight Or Nine Inches Above Ground

President Of General Federation Of Women's Clubs Comments On Campaign Instituted By Her Friend For Ankle Length Skirts And Abolition Of Cigarettes Among Women; Says Present Knee-length Skirts Are Better Than Old Style Ones; Against Cigarette Smoking.

By John Montgomery
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

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Mrs. John D. Sherman, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was commenting on the campaign instituted by her friend, Mrs. John B. Henderson, social dictator, for ankle length skirts and abolition of cigarettes among women.

"The ankle length skirt was clumsy and inconvenient," she said, "I do not favor the present knee length skirt but it is better than the old style skirt that collected dust and hindered free-

BELIEVE 11,000 WERE VICTIMS

Approximately \$4,000,000 Lost In Realty And Theaters Corporation

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—Federal officials probing the affairs of the Consolidated Realty and Theaters Corporation of Chicago and Indianapolis, believe that fully 11,000 were mulated out of approximately \$4,000,000 by the officials of the firm. Frederick H. Grunberg, Sr., his son and 12 other officials, are under indictment charged with using the mails to defraud.

The defendants are to be arraigned in federal court here on January 7.

John J. Sonsteb, attorney for the bondholders protective committee, announced he would start civil suit to collect from the personal property of the defendants. These suits will follow the criminal proceedings, he said.

The defendants are alleged to have sold bonds on property not owned by the corporation. According to the government, the corporation "never earned an honest dime."

Government agents announced that Grunberg, Sr., paid federal income taxes on the purported full earnings of his \$20,000,000 corporation to avert suspicion. After making the payment, he started to recover the money, it is charged.

Persons in every walk of life are among the victims. School teachers, business men, laborers and professionals from Illinois and Indiana gave their savings to the corporation, government officials said. The sums ranged all the way from a few hundred to \$25,000.

Among those listed by agents as victims of the corporation are:

Frank Zipp, Evansville, Ind. \$25,000
Henry Waier and Anna Dreuer,
Evansville 15,900
H. T. Chute, Evansville 12,000
Robert Moser, Evansville 10,500

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SEN. WHEELER IS FREE OF CHARGES

Indictments Charging Misuse Of Office Dismissed By Court Today

(United Press Service)
Washington, Dec. 29.—The indictments charging misuse of office against Senator Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, Montana, were dismissed today by Justice Jennings Bailey of the district of Columbia court of appeals.

The documents accused Wheeler of conspiring with private clients to obtain more oil well drilling permits from the interior department than it is permitted under law. Bailey said the indictments did not contain sufficient charges of law violation.

Dismissal of the indictments ended the cases begun against the senator following his sensational prosecution of a senatorial investigation of the department of justice, at the White House today.

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"I am against young girls smoking them. I am against young boys smoking them. They tend to ruin the health of the smoker and I do not think girls can stand such poison long."

"Of course, from an ethical standpoint, I believe the woman has just as much right to smoke as a man."

Mrs. Sherman was one of the women Mrs. Henderson criticised before she announced her campaign for the return of some of the Victorian habits, which has caused a furor in social

Washington.

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The Governor



MRS. SOLEDAD CHACON

DISCUSS IOWA'S FARM PROBLEM

"All - Iowa" Agricultural Conference Is Held At Des Moines Today

(United Press Service)

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Control of surplus farm crops by means of a government marketing commission is the plan which Senator Albert E. Cummins proposes to lay before the "all-Iowa" agricultural conference in session here this afternoon.

The meeting called by the Iowa Bankers' Association to provide a remedy for the poor economic condition of Iowa and other middlewestern states, with the one restriction that it shall be non-partisan, was attended by the entire Iowa delegation in congress, leading representatives of business, agricultural, industrial and labor activities in the state.

The general hope prevailed that out of this Iowa conference would arise a unified farm relief program acceptable to President Coolidge and Secretary Coolidge and all the cooperative farm groups in the corn belt states.

Senator Cummins, proposed marketing commission, he told the United Press, would first of all determine through government channels the amount of surplus that exists in a given crop and would then purchase this surplus at foreign prices plus the duty and sell it abroad at a loss.

Opposition to such a plan on the grounds that the government would be setting itself up in business, as voiced by the administration would be eliminated because the loss incurred in the transaction would be paid back to the government by an excise tax levied the following year.

President Coolidge can be won over to the plan, Cummins believes, if all the cooperative farm groups of the country line up in a solid phalanx behind his proposal.

Heretofore, so many views and

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JACKSON VISITS COOLIDGE TODAY

Indiana Governor And Sen. Robinson Make Special Call On President

Washington, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—Governor Jackson, Indiana, accompanied by Senator Robinson, republican, Indiana, whom he appointed, paid a social call on President Coolidge today.

It was the first time Governor Jackson had called on the president.

Neither of the Indiana leaders would comment on possible political movements in their home state between now and the next primary, declaring there "aren't any politics or problems in Indiana just now."

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MRS. CATHERINE SCHULTZ IS DEAD

Decatur Woman Dies At Home Of Son, Julius, South Of City Monday

Mrs. Catherine Schultz, 73, of this city, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her son, Julius Schultz, three miles south of Decatur, after a brief illness. Death is thought to have been due to heart trouble, following a bronchial illness. Mrs. Schultz attended church in this city Sunday morning and was not confined to her bed until late Sunday. She had been spending a few days at her son's home, having gone there several days ago.

Catherine Goergen Schultz was born in Luxenburg, Europe, in 1852. She received her early education in the old country and, when 18 years of age, she came to this country with her parents, who settled in Ohio, near Tiffin. She was united in marriage to Henry Schultz many years ago. Three children were born to this union. The three children, John and Julius and Mrs. Hugo Daniels all reside in this country, the two sons living in farms near Decatur and the daughter in Chicago.

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Miller related the results of which he is going to announce, results, which, in the opinion of scientists who have

Moderating Temperatures Prevail Throughout Indiana Today

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—The backbone of the winter's worst cold wave was broken in Indiana today.

Moderating temperatures prevailed throughout the state after three days of intense cold during which the mercury hovered around zero or dropped below.

In Indianapolis at 7 a. m. today the weather bureau thermometer registered six degrees above zero, six degrees higher than that at the same hour yesterday.

Correspondingly high temperatures were reported over the state with the weather bureau forecasting a maximum temperature of 20 degrees or more today and continued moderating weather tomorrow.

Snow or rain was forecast for New Year's Day.

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New Estimate Placed On Speed Of The Solar System Through Space

Blow Struck At Einstein Theory Of Relativity By Dr. Dayton C. Miller Of Cleveland, Ohio; Speed Of Solar System Now Estimated At Ten Times As Great As Previously Thought; Sun Moving Through Space With Speed Of 120 Miles A Second.

By David Dietz
(Science Editor, Cleveland Press)

(Written for United Press)

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—A blow that may prove fatal to the Einstein theory of relativity will be struck late today when Dr. Dayton C. Miller, of Cleveland, president of the American Physical Society, reads a paper before the convention of the American Association for the advancement of science, detailing an experiment he has been carrying on atop Mount Wilson, California, for the last six years.

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Weather

Indiana—Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Not so cold.

Funeral For Werling Boy To Be Held Thursday

Funeral services for Wilbert Werling, 15-year-old son of Charles Werling, of Preble township, who was fatally injured Monday, when the shotgun with which he was hunting was accidentally discharged, will be held from the Preble Lutheran church at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Burial will be made in the church cemetery. Wilbert was a pupil in the Kirkland township high school and was yell leader in that school. He was a popular boy and his many friends are grieved over his fatal accident.

MAKING PLANS FOR MEETINGS

Fine Co-operation Being Shown In Preparations for Evangelistic Services

Preparations for the simultaneous evangelistic meetings to be held by the Protestant churches of Decatur beginning January 10, are going forward daily. The pastors report that splendid co-operation is being shown by everybody concerned.

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"First—Churches and ministers are in much more friendly relations to one another now than ever before. This spells co-operation on the part